

CLAIMS:

1. A method for enabling a traveler to order a printed publication from public transport facilities and while traveling to the traveler's destination, comprising:

providing a traveler access to a catalogue from which publications can be selected, wherein the traveler can review ordering information about available publications;

provided an electronic interface having a network connection to publish on demand facilities, said electronic interface providing a means from which the traveler can select and order the preparation of at least one publication for pick-up by the traveler at a destination also selected by the traveler, wherein the selection and ordering can occur while the customer is awaiting travel, en-route on public transportation, or preparing to disembark public transportation.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the catalog can be made available in printed form or electronically to the electronic interface through the communications network.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein the traveler can preview available publication selections in the catalog.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein preview and selection can be provided through an electronic interfaces including at least one of a land based kiosk, on-board data communications systems or a wireless data appliance.

5. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

automatically providing the selection electronically to production facilities near the destination selected by the traveler, where at the selection is produced.

6. The method of claim 5 wherein the catalog can be made available in printed form or electronically to the electronic interface through the communications network.

7. The method of claim 5 wherein the traveler can preview available publication selections in the catalog.

8. The method of claim 5 wherein preview and selection can be provided through an electronic interfaces including at least one of a land based kiosk, on-board data communications systems or a wireless data appliance.

9. The method of claim 5, further comprising:
automatically scheduling physical distribution of the selection pick-up facilities at the destination selected by the traveler, wherein the selection is made available to the traveler through on-site distribution facilities authentication of the traveler's identity at the distribution facilities.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein the catalog can be made available in printed form or electronically to the electronic interface through the communications network.

11. The method of claim 9 wherein the traveler can preview available publication selections in the catalog.

12. The method of claim 9 wherein preview and selection can be provided through an electronic interfaces including at least one of a land based kiosk, on-board data communications systems or a wireless data appliance.

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13. A method for automatically producing a publication ordered by a traveler while the traveler is en-route and having the publications ready for pick-up by

traveling customers after the customer's arrival at their destination or a destination of their choosing, comprising:

receiving an electronic order for a publication over an electronic network from a traveler using a remote electronic interface;

producing the publication using publish-on-demand system located near a destination selected by the traveler for pick-up of the publication; and

distributing the publication to a pick-up facility located at the destination selected by the traveler for pick-up of the publication.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein a catalog can be made available electronically to the traveler through the remote electronic interface.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein publication preview and selection can be provided to the traveler through the electronic interface which can include at least one of a land based kiosk, on-board data communications systems or a wireless data appliance.

16. The method of claim 13 wherein the traveler can preview available publication selections in a printed catalog prior to providing an electronic order over the electronic network using the electronic interface.

17. The method of claim 13, further comprising:

providing the publication to the traveler at the destination selected for pick-up by the traveler upon authentication of at least one of the traveler's identity, a passcode or a receipt.

18. A system for automatically producing a publication ordered by a traveler while the traveler is en-route and having the publications ready for pick-up by traveling customers after the customer's arrival at their destination or a destination of their choosing, the system comprising:

a server connected to an electronic network for receiving publication orders from travelers using electronic interface for submitting orders to the server;

a database containing publications available for selection by travelers; and

at least one print-on-demand system located near pick-up destinations that can be selected by travelers for obtaining orders.

19. The system of claim 18, further comprising means for the authentication of at least one of the traveler's identity, a passcode or a receipt.

20. The system of claim 18 wherein the server is adapted for receiving order data from electronic interfaces including land based kiosks, on-board data communications systems or wireless data appliances.